

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said,  
"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."  
JOHN 1:29

## Proud Servants of God

**"My servant"** is an identification a lot of people will shy away from. A servant seeks to accomplish someone else's goals, and the adjective "my" suggests belonging to another. Yet all of today's readings describe individuals who are proud to be servants—servants of God. What makes this kind of servant something to which all of us can aspire?

As a servant of God, Isaiah became "a light to the nations that [God's] salvation may reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). As a servant of God, Paul became "an apostle of Christ Jesus," proclaiming the good news of God's love "to the church of God that is in Corinth." As a servant of God, John the Baptist prepared the way so that Jesus "might be made known to Israel" (John 1:31). These servants sought to accomplish God's goals for the fulfillment of others. It is in such commitment to others that we ourselves are

fulfilled. Ask any parent, lover, or good friend if this is not the case.

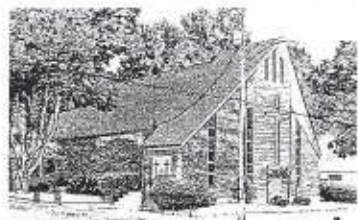
We might not want to be the servant of another, but what a privilege it is to be called to be a servant of God, a light to others, to proclaim God's love and make Jesus known. By our baptism, we have all been so called. We enlighten others by the way we live with integrity. The unselfishness of our lives proclaims the good news of Christ Jesus. Authentic Christian living makes him known to the world. That's what it means to be a servant of God.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ How does your life in the home, workplace, or community manifest the love of God for others?
- ★ How do you personally benefit by serving others?





Holy Trinity - Cherry

St. Patrick - Arlington

St. Thomas More - Dalzell

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Mass & Confession Schedule

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish

Weekend Masses

*Sunday Vigil (Saturday) - 4:00 PM*

*Sunday Mass - 8:30 AM*

Daily Mass (Weekdays) (Holy Days - See Schedule)

Tuesday - 12:15 PM & Thursday - 8:30 AM

Confessions

Saturday - 3:15 - 3:45PM or By Appointment

Mass Schedule

St. Patrick Catholic Parish

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation Refer To Schedule

Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More Church - Dalzell, IL

Vigil Mass (Saturday) 5:30 PM

Weekday Mass (Wednesday & Friday) - 8:00 AM\*

Sunday Last Chance Mass 5:30 PM

Confessions By Appointment

Holy Day of Obligation Refer To Schedule

Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel - Open 8am - 8pm (M-Sat)

Sunday - Open 8am until conclusion 5:30pm Mass

**\*\*Divine Mercy Chaplet - Every Friday at 3 PM**

Daily Mass Intentions for

Masses the Week of January 20, 2020

Offered For

Monday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 5:30pm

† Purgatorial Society

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Connie Lauer

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Richard Guerrini

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am

† Catherine Hunter

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† No Mass

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of January 25-26, 2019

Offered For

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Ann Doyle

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Kate, Winfield, Norm & Alan Goodrick

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Purgatorial Society

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Bernard Schwamberger

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners



## Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

### Holy Trinity

#### LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Carol Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jane Marincic

#### SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

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Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

#### COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Sheila Pinter & ?

### St. Patrick

#### LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ernie Bartoli

#### SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Claire & Brooke Lovgren

### St. Thomas More

#### ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

#### LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

#### SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen

At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm

Saturday 3pm - 6pm

Sunday 9am - 2pm

## UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

January 20 - Mass for Reparation of Sins  
- Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 5:30PM

January 29 - Rosary Against Evil - Holy  
Trinity (Cherry)

### Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$3319.00

St. Patrick - \$1695.00

St. Thomas More - \$2021.00

## Mass for Reparation of Sins Every Third Monday

Coming up on January 20th at 5:30PM at Holy Trinity in Cherry, there will be the celebration of Holy Mass followed by the recitation of the Creed and praying of the Holy Rosary. With the rosary prayed on Monday we will not meet that week on Wednesday for rosary. It repeats every third Monday at whatever church we are praying the rosary for that month. Our Blessed Mother wants this from us so people 9 months out of the year can receive the following gifts; we will receive peace, consolation from pain, stopping of hiding sins, not being arrogant, more humility, and the blessing of our homes. Please come!

### The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary that we continue to pray on Wednesday nights at 6PM will be prayed at Holy Trinity Church during the month of January in Cherry. The weeks where Mass and Rosary is prayed together on Monday there is no Wednesday rosary. It is our time to show God, Jesus, Mary how much we need their help to fight the evil around us. Praying as a community has great strength to get God's attention for our needs and His help. And the rosary is and always has been our greatest weapon against evil! So please come and join us!

### Weather Warning Notice

With the winter's unpredictable snowfall, it is always hard to plan or prepare for, so just be cautious. Please stay home if you have health or physical difficulties dealing with the extreme weather. If the roads are too icy or not plowed because of fresh snow, the immediate Mass to be celebrated could be cancelled and my parishioners will be dispensed. But please put into the collection the following week what you would have put in for the cancelled Mass. Unfortunately, the bills still keep coming in! A good rule is if the weather is good enough to go the store, sports event, or otherwise, you should go to Mass. Check with WLPO (1220AM), WZOE (1490AM) and BCR Alerts for cancellations. If you aren't signed up for BCR alerts, check with Julie in the office.

### Special Event In Area

None

## For The Week

Each year on January 22, all dioceses in the United States are called to observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. January 22 is the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion throughout our nation. Since then, over 60 million lives have been lost. That's more than the size of Italy's population.

This is from Jesus Christ, 5 years ago, for us to meditate on: "My children, HUMANITY IS IN CHAOS: Revolutions, riots, persecutions, killings, abortions... And this makes anger take possession of the minds of men, and still men deny it... Is it not true that in My Word it is written that at the end times all this will happen? How can men deny it now? How do they deny it at this instant? Out of fear? Ignorance?" Now is the time for us to pray for the sacredness of life because the lack of respect for the unborn will carry over for how God sees our lives today! May God always bless us with His Real Presence!

### ADA Goals 2019-20

Holy Trinity - \$17589.00

Pledges To Date \$9210.00 (52%)

St. Patrick - \$9902.00

Pledges To Date \$9989.00 (100%)

St. Thomas More - \$12554.00

## Sacramental Preparation

Baptisms: Preparation is required for the first child in the family. Baptisms are scheduled on Sundays at noon or by special arrangement. Please contact Father to setup an appointment.

Marriages: Preparations need to be started one year before the Wedding date. Please contact Father for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation: Per Canon Law of the Catholic Church, anyone over the age of seven years old is to observe the requirements of the RCIA, unless there is a danger of death. If anyone has not received all of the sacraments; baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, please talk to Father.



# Dear Padre,

**A religious community invited me to become a lay associate. What kind of commitment is needed?**

**W**hen laypeople and ordained ministers are attracted to the *charism* of a religious order (its distinctive ministry, mission, and spirituality), they're often invited by its vowed members to participate as "associates" in their prayer life, community dynamics, and apostolic works. After a period of formation, associates may make degrees of commitment, with varying expectations on those who profess a formal commitment. Associates may

also be given a distinctive sign of their membership to wear during prayer and ministry.

While associates like the Third Order (tertiaries) have partnered with Franciscans, Dominicans, and Carmelites for centuries, other congregations are only now nurturing new forms of collaboration. Usually, this partnership is mutually transformative for the associates and for those in consecrated life: "The

participation of the laity often brings unexpected and rich insights into certain aspects of the charism, leading to a more spiritual interpretation of it and helping to draw from it directions for new activities in the apostolate" (Apostolic Exhortation on Consecrated Life [*Vita Consecrata*], 55).

Partnerships between religious communities and their associates are growing in number, based not on utility or diminished numbers of religious today, but on shared faith and responsibility to our universal baptismal call. May the Holy Spirit guide you as you discern this special invitation to holiness!

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

"What about you?" It is significant that these words of the elderly Pope [Leo XIII] were also addressed to a laywoman [Katharine Drexel]. We know that the future of the Church in a rapidly changing society will call, and even now calls, for a much more active engagement on the part of the laity.

—MASS WITH BISHOPS, CLERGY, AND RELIGIOUS OF  
PENNSYLVANIA, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

## Calendar

### Monday

JANUARY 20

Weekday

1 Sm 15:16–23

Mk 2:18–22

### Tuesday

JANUARY 21

St. Agnes,

Virgin and Martyr

1 Sm 16:1–13

Mk 2:23–28

### Wednesday

JANUARY 22

Day of Prayer for the

Legal Protection of

Unborn Children

1 Sm 17:32–33, 37,

40–51, Mk 3:1–6

### Thursday

JANUARY 23

Weekday

1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7

Mk 3:7–12

### Friday

JANUARY 24

St. Francis de Sales,

Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

1 Sm 24:3–21

Mk 3:13–19

### Saturday

JANUARY 25

Conversion of

St. Paul, Apostle

Acts 22:3–16 or

Acts 9:1–22

Mk 16:15–18

### Sunday

JANUARY 26

Third Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Is 8:23–9:3

1 Cor 1:10–13, 17

Mt 4:12–23

or 4:12–17